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HOUSE RESOLUTION 43
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A RESOLUTION To recognize the Cooper-Jones Economic and Education Martin Luther King Commemorative Summit in Memphis on April 10-15, 2001, and to welcome Sir Arlington G. Butler as a speaker.

WHEREAS, On April 10-15, 2001, Representative Barbara Cooper and Representative Ulysses Jones, in conjunction with the Hannaian Investment and Publishing Group's Conference on Self-Controlled and Directed Investments, Bloomfield Urban Ministries and The Youth Opportunities Movement in Memphis, will host the Cooper-Jones Economic and Education Martin Luther King Commemorative Summit; and

WHEREAS, The Summit, held at the Memphis Marriott, Downtown, will feature lectures and discussion about Investment Training, International Trade, Issues in Education, Environmental Issues, Health and Wellness, and Youth and Adolescent Culture; it will additionally include special tributes to Henning's Alex Haley Museum, Rufus Thomas, and Willie Mitchell; and

WHEREAS, A number of distinguished speakers will make presentations during the Summit, one of whom is Sir Arlington G. Butler of the Bahamas; Sir Arlington is very

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experienced in global business, politics, and government; he will share some of his unique opinions on topics in the fields of International Investments and Foreign Trade; and

WHEREAS, Sir Arlington enjoyed an outstanding private career as an educator and Barrister at Law; that career led him to even greater distinction as a prominent politician and laudable public servant; and

WHEREAS, For 35 years, Sir Arlington served as a Member of Parliament in the Bahamas in both the colonial and independent governments, including historic service as the last Speaker of Parliament in the colonial era and as the first Speaker in the independent Bahamas; and

WHEREAS, His career as a statesman included meritorious service as Government Minister of several strategic departments; and

WHEREAS, In 1996, Queen Elizabeth II knighted this remarkable human being as Sir Arlington G. Butler; and

WHEREAS, In 2000, he completed his term as Ambassador to the United States; and

WHEREAS, Sir Arlington's unparalleled experience and tremendous expertise will be a vital ingredient in the success of the 2001 Cooper-Jones Economic and Education Martin Luther King Commemorative Summit; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE ONE HUNDRED SECOND GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, That we welcome Sir Arlington G. Butler to our State, thank him for his gracious participation in the Summit, and wish him every success in his future endeavors.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That we offer our best wishes to the hosts, presenters, and other participants in the Cooper-Jones Economic and Educational Martin Luther King Commemorative Summit for a productive and enlightening conference.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That an appropriate copy of this resolution be prepared for presentation with this final clause omitted from such copy.

